

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

NAKAI et al.

Application No.: 09/897,988

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
SUBSTANCE UTILIZING  
MICROORGANISM

Art Unit: 1633

Examiner: Maria Marvich

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2010, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, two month(s) to November 11, 2010.

☐ The period for response has previously been extended to .

Please charge ☒ the credit card identified in EFS-Web processing or ☐ our deposit account **50-2821** the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

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